

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of the State of Idaho assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully request that you join us in congratulating the Idaho National Laboratory on the occasion of its 60th anniversary, and represent that:

WHEREAS, at the direction of the United States Government, the Idaho National Laboratory (INL), since 1949, has fulfilled a leadership role and made key contributions in nuclear energy research, development, demonstration and deployment; and

WHEREAS, just two years following establishment of the Idaho facility, Experimental Breeder Reactor No. 1, now a National Historic Landmark, produced the world's first usable amount of electricity from a nuclear chain reaction and later proved the principle that reactors could create more fuel than they use; and

WHEREAS, INL's strategic location within today's Western Inland Energy Corridor enables its researchers to most effectively and efficiently identify, assess and integrate the region's unmatched wind, biomass, hydropower, geothermal, conventional and unconventional fossil and uranium resources; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of Idaho and the United States to increase energy self-sufficiency and supply diversity, while moderating the environmental impacts of energy exploration, production, distribution and end use; and

WHEREAS, INL is a key national energy research and development center wherein the federal government has invested significant funds to establish such unique and globally important assets as the Advanced Test Reactor, the Safety and Tritium Applied Research fusion facility, the Control Systems Security and Test Center, and others, all of which demand continued, or even expanded, use to assure maximum return on tax dollar investment; and

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho appreciates the effective, expedited cleanup of legacy Cold War wastes that has occurred to this point across the INL site as guided by the Department of Energy's landmark 1995 Settlement Agreement, anxiously anticipates completion of the broader cleanup mission, and is committed to hosting continued broad-spectrum, national-priority nuclear research in Idaho as fully allowed by that agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature supports and encourages the Department of Energy, the Administration and the Congress in this 60th anniversary year of the decision of the federal government to create the nation's reactor testing center in Idaho, and to identify, commit and sustain the funding

1 necessary to allow design, development, testing and demonstration in Idaho at INL of highly
2 efficient, state of the art, advanced nuclear energy technologies, processes and systems that
3 can, ultimately, be commercially replicated in other locations throughout the United States and
4 throughout the world.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports execution of an enhanced
6 portfolio of bioenergy, advanced energy storage, fuel reforming, hybrid energy island and re-
7 lated alternative and renewable energy research in Idaho at INL, and hereby requests that the
8 Department of Energy, the Administration and the Congress identify, commit and sustain the
9 funding necessary to allow continued performance of this and other multiprogram energy and
10 national-security-enhancing work so critical to the economic prosperity and long-term well-be-
11 ing of these United States.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be,
13 and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President
14 of the United States, the Secretary of Energy of the United States, the President of the Senate
15 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, and the congressional delegation
16 representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.